

Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity Grant (RICOG)

Questions and Answers

November 19, 2009

- 1. What are specific Infrastructure partners? We are looking into healthcare and are having difficulty evaluating?**

The SFP does not *require* partners in infrastructure, only suggests that they should be considered. Ultimately, the choice of industry sector and nature of the project will drive the partnerships.

- 2. In the Q&A dated Nov 3 – you stated contractors must be procured? What if we are proposing in our application the use of specific contractors to facilitate the Clusters process due to their expertise and relationship with the industry we are interested in completing the cluster process with?**

We would direct you to **WIA Directive #WIAD00-2**. As stated in this directive, it “provides combined state and federal guidance regarding the procurement of goods and services by entities receiving Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds. These entities include but are not limited to Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Operators, and their subrecipients. For further inquiries on this directive, please contact your assigned Regional Advisor.

- 3. We are assuming that the Forms are NOT included in the 8-page limit, correct? If that is true, how does the information provided on Form 2 differ from what is requested on the Narrative Form? Isn't it the same?**

The 8-page Proposal Narrative Form includes the following sections:

- I. Statement of Need
- II. Proposed Objectives and Activities
- III. Outcomes
- IV. Regional Partnerships and Leveraged Resources
- V. Budget Detail Plan

Therefore, SFP forms 1-5 are not included in the 8-page limit.

The applicant can provide a greater detail on Form 2 - "Outcomes." Please see the instructions for completing Form 2.